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Ifind this settlement an outrange. Basically, the settlement just makes Microsoft's monopoly position stronger by givving them a bigger piece of the market.

Where is the sense in this?

Microsoft should be fined a specific dollar amount and the money used to buy hardware. Then you can use free software to enable many more students computer access. Redhat has said they would provide the operating system to run this computers. Not only would this prevent the settlement from doing more damage than its fixing, but it will allow for a lot more kids to use newer computers. Sun Microsystem offers a free office suite, which would be another huge cost saving.

The kicker is, that this software will actually give the kids more tools and resourecs to learning a computers, programming, and other computer related taks. And, they get the source code to these programs so they can find out how to write an office app or database engine.

Free things that run on redhat.
Programming
   perl
   python
   c
   c++
   any many more
Database
   mysql
   postgressql
   + more
Office
   KOfficce
   Openoffice
   Staroffice
   + more

Plus tools to learn networking, system administration and many other things.

StarOffice www.staroffice.com
OpenOffice www.openoffice.comj
Rehat www.redhat.com

PS. If you need more insite please let me know, I would love to point you in the right direction.